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BGSU sets 2009-10 budget

In the midst of unsettled state budget negotiations, BGSU has adopted a balanced budget for 2009-10. The board of trustees at its June 26 meeting approved a \$283.6 million educational and general fund budget for the University's main campus and a \$14.8 million budget for its Firelands campus. The budget reflects the third year of a freeze on undergraduate tuition rates, and comes at the beginning of Ohio's next budget biennium.

The adopted budget amounts are based on State Share of Instruction projections from the governor's office. However, the state legislature is still debating the budget, and the amount universities ultimately will receive could go lower, Chief Financial Officer Sheri Stoll warned the board. In that case, Bowling Green's budget could be revisited in October for further adjustments. Gov. Ted Strickland has announced that the state budget could remain undecided until late next week, past the June 30 end of the current fiscal year.

The newly approved BGSU budget is based on an anticipated decline in main campus enrollment and modest growth at BGSU Firelands. In order to reach its balanced budget for this fiscal year, the University had to make \$4.5 million in reductions. The University worked throughout the 2009 fiscal year to make additional reductions of more than \$10 million. The 2010 budget approved by the board assumes additional reductions may be necessary. The total amount of those reductions won't be known until the state budget is finalized, Stoll said.

The 2010 plan calls for no increases for administrative or classified staff. Modest amounts have been provided to fund faculty promotion, tenure and stipend increases. If additional resources become available due to larger than expected enrollments, Bowling Green will create a 1 percent pool for faculty increases, and funding will be provided to the College of Arts and Sciences for unfunded positions.

In addition to the educational and general fund budgets, the BGSU board approved auxiliary budgets for next year. The sum of the main campus's educational and general fund, general fee-funded auxiliaries, residence and dining hall and other auxiliary budgets is \$377,491,137. Combined with Firelands, the University total is \$392,331,452.

The trustees set room and board rates at their April 27 meeting. Combining those rates with tuition and fees, the total cost for new full-time, in-state freshmen this year will be about \$16,370, up from about \$16,080 in 2008-09.

Plans are in motion to address undergraduate enrollment, which has been falling over the last few years, dropping by more than 2,000 full-time equivalent students since fiscal year 2007. Using some of the savings it has accrued this year through attrition, layoffs and other measures, BGSU will allocate almost \$4 million in one-time spending for enrollment management and student support, marketing, expansion of its online course offerings and a revision of its general education curriculum.

Investment in these areas, while aimed at increasing enrollment and retention, will also address the state's new funding formula for higher education that goes into effect with the upcoming fiscal year. Rather than a purely enrollment-based model, it also takes into account such factors as years to graduation, degree completion and the number of classes offered in the STEM disciplines (science, mathematics, engineering and technology).

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Trustees end fiscal year with full agenda

In addition to adopting a budget for the coming fiscal year, the BGSU Board of Trustees addressed employee policies and a number of other topics at its June 26 meeting. The board also welcomed Dr. Kevin B. Lake, its newest member, along with new undergraduate student trustee Skyler Rogers, a junior from Kenton majoring in marketing and finance.

The board gave its approval to the next proposed center of excellence—sustainability and the environment. It is the fifth center identified by BGSU as part of the requirements of the state's 10-year Strategic Plan for Higher Education.

Partners in the center come from across the University, from photochemical sciences and the Hybrid Vehicle Institute to physics and astronomy and the Department of the Environment and Sustainability. The partners in the proposed center have an established record of achievement in basic and applied research, engagement and education related to sustainability and the environment.

The board heard a presentation on the proposed center at its April 23 meeting (See www.bgsu.edu/offices/mc/monitor/04-27-09/page65671.html).

Administrative staff contract policy

The trustees accepted a change to the policy by which notice is given administrative staff members when their contracts will not be renewed. Unless termination is for cause, the current policy calls for notification to be given by Jan. 1 for the following fiscal year of service, or no later than March 1 of the first, second or third year of contract service if the appointment is to expire at the end of one of those fiscal years.

However, this requirement has "limited the University's ability to act quickly during turbulent budget times," the board heard from Rebecca Ferguson, assistant vice president for human resources, and General Counsel Sean FitzGerald.

To provide more flexibility, the new policy calls for administrative staff members to be notified of nonrenewal of their contracts:

- 180 days in advance, including weekends and holidays, if they have 10 or more years of consecutive service at BGSU.
- 90 days in advance if they have from 6-10 consecutive years of service.
- 60 days in advance if they have from three-six consecutive years of service.
- 45 days in advance if they have less than three consecutive years of service.
- 30 days in advance if they are hired after July 1, 2009.

The policy will go into effect July 1.

Leave Bank created

Employees faced with serious illness who have exhausted their sick days and vacation days will be able to use donated leave through a new Leave Bank, approved by the trustees. The effort to create the bank has been under way since Ohio House Bill 187 allowed classified employees to donate to and benefit from such a bank. The policy was crafted through the collaboration of Classified and Administrative Staff councils, Faculty Senate leaders and members of the human resources office, with input from the General Counsel and the office of the Chief Financial Officer.

Eligible to donate and receive are full- and part-time, nine- and 12-month classified staff employees; full- and part-time, nine-, 10- and 12-month administrative staff employees; and full-time, nine- or 12-pay faculty, including academic-year faculty, librarians and faculty in administrative positions.

More details will soon be available on the Human Resources Web site.

'Anderson Club' named in Stroh Center

In honor of the late Harold Anderson, longtime BGSU athletics director and men's basketball coach, the trustees approved the naming of a club room in the forthcoming Stroh Center as

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the "Anderson Club." The naming commemorates Anderson's legacy and carries the tradition from Anderson Arena to the new venue for Falcon basketball.

Beyond basketball and volleyball events, it is expected that the club area will be the site for numerous institutional and outside events, according to Athletics Director Gregory Christopher.

Honorary degree

BGSU alumnus Ned Baker will receive an honorary Doctor of Science in Public Health degree, following the board's approval of a recommendation from the Honorary Degrees Committee and the College of Health and Human Services.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in biology from BGSU in 1950, Baker went on to a career as a sanitarian and an organizer of numerous area programs and facilities, including the Medical College of Ohio and BGSU's health and human services college. He joined the Wood County Board of Health in 1986 and the next year was among the founders of the Ohio Association of Boards of Health. In 1992, he established the National Association of Local Boards of Health, locating its headquarters in Bowling Green. He was its first president and later, executive director. The annual Ned E. Baker Lecture in Public Health at BGSU recognizes his many contributions.

Construction Management

The trustees ratified the conversion of the Construction Management and Technology Program to the Department of Construction Management. Currently a part of the Department of Technology Systems in the College of Technology, construction management has more than enough students and faculty to warrant becoming a department, said Dean Wayne Unsell.

Forming the department was a goal of the college compact and will allow faculty to promote the program and its graduates on a national level and to seek additional sources of revenue. The program, which has about 250 students, is accredited by the American Council for Construction Education. Faculty research has included trenchless technology for underground construction, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), Green Construction and Building Information Modeling computer design.

Intellectual property license

The trustees also approved the licensing of BGSU intellectual property—the "Baseball Tree" system for correlating a batting result to a pitch count pathway—to a spinoff company whose founder, William Johnston, has developed the system as a Bowling Green graduate student.

A patent application was filed for Johnston's invention last December, and the company that hopes to commercialize it, Johnston At-Bat-Stats Consulting, LLC, was formed the following month.

At-Bat-Stats is targeting major league baseball teams and their continual statistical analysis of players' performance. The Baseball Tree will provide teams with additional statistical information that will help enhance their ability to evaluate talent, improve player skills, scout opponents and make better coaching decisions, according to the company. It will also be helpful to the media and to video-game programmers, giving them "the capability to add a whole new dimension of realism in drafting and developing players."

Johnston is scheduled to receive his master's degree in developmental kinesiology this year.

His partners in the venture include Drs. Geoffrey Meek and Erianne Weight, both in human movement, sport and leisure studies.

Leaders elected

Also at the meeting, Trustee J. Robert Sebo was elected board chair and Trustee John Moore vice chair. Dr. Patrick Pauken will continue as secretary to the board.



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Emeritus status granted to 23 faculty retirees

The Trustees honored 23 retiring faculty members June 26 by granting them emeritus status.

Heading the list were Drs. Peggy Giordano, sociology, and Gary Hess, history, each a Distinguished Research Professor, and Dr. Milton Hakel, an Ohio Board of Regents Eminent Scholar in psychology. At BGSU since 1964, Hess is among its longest-serving faculty members. Giordano has been at the University since 1974 and Hakel, since 1991.

Also receiving emeritus status were two professors who served in administrative posts at BGSU as well. Dr. Heinz Bulmahn, German, Russian and East Asian languages, was vice provost for research and dean of the Graduate College when he retired last December. He had been at Bowling Green since 2000. Dr. Mark Gromko, biological sciences, was vice provost for academic programs before ending his 31-year BGSU career as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Also named Professor Emeritus by the trustees, and the year each came to the University, were:

- Drs. William Armaline (1999) and Gregg Brownell (1987), both School of Teaching and Learning;
- Dr. Joyce Gromko (1991), music education;
- Dr. David Groves (1979), human movement, sport and leisure studies;
- Dr. Rex Lowe (1970), biological sciences;
- Dr. Gene Poor (1972), visual communication and technology education;
- Dr. Bruce Smith (1970), geography;
- Dr. Richard Wilson (1983), intervention services, and
- Dr. Vernon Wolcott (1962), music performance studies.

The title of Associate Professor Emeritus went to:

- Dr. Stephen Chang (1971), geography;
- Dr. David Chilson (1978), computer science;
- Dr. Kathleen Dixon (1985), philosophy;
- Dr. Norman Eckel (1979), accounting and management information systems;
- Kathleen Hagan (1973), art;
- Dr. Richard Hebein (1969), romance and classical studies;
- Dr. Julie Lengfelder (1981), human movement, sport and leisure studies, and
- Dr. Peterann Siehl (1985), intervention services.

Ronald Harris, mathematics and statistics, was named Instructor Emeritus.

Master plan to bring enhanced residence, dining facilities

BGSU will have a significantly livelier look and feel within the next few years, with residence halls more integrated with academic buildings and dining centers more of a destination—resulting in greater “cross-traffic” as students and faculty move about the campus in their daily lives. To accomplish this change, BGSU will soon embark on an ambitious plan to upgrade its residence halls and dining facilities, the board of trustees heard June 26.

The newly created Residence Life and Dining Services Master Plan is aimed at providing a better undergraduate student experience—a major goal of the University’s Strategic Plan. It is also in alignment with the Campus Master Plan for building and renovation, said Steven Krakoff, associate vice president for capital planning and design, and Dr. Joseph Oravec, associate vice president for student affairs. All three plans must proceed in step to ensure the living/learning environment has a seamless connection, they told the board.

Another important reason for the effort is to make BGSU more competitive with its peer institutions, which have for the most part upgraded and changed the style of their campus

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accommodations at a much faster pace than has BGSU, Krakoff said. In the recent era of declining enrollments at Bowling Green, quality of life issues such as living and dining have taken on increasing importance in recruitment and retention.

"How a university stacks up to its competition is a huge factor today in students' decisions about where to attend," Krakoff said. "They look at housing, classrooms, labs in their majors, recreational centers. The physical facility weighs heavily."

Though a direct connection cannot be drawn between upgraded and new housing and enrollment, the survey revealed that those institutions that had invested in living and dining facilities with enhanced amenities also showed enrollment growth, Oravec and Krakoff said. Students rate high-speed Internet in residence halls (which BGSU does not have), air conditioning, private baths and kitchens among their priorities.

On the fast track, Phase 1 of the plan calls for two new buildings by 2011, which means work must begin this summer and fall. The final site selections are anticipated in September. However, Krakoff said, there must be a "rigorous and conservative effort to ensure that enrollment projections are in line with plans for construction. Although the plan is aggressive in its time frame, it is conservative in scope."

The new plan was developed based on extensive surveys conducted this year that looked at numerous aspects of campus housing and dining—at both BGSU and its competitors. "A substantial analysis was done of the condition of our facilities," Krakoff said, and residence halls were also analyzed for their number and configuration of beds.

Students at each class rank were shown pictures of rooms ranging from the traditional, high-density two-bed rooms with bathroom down the hall, to suites and apartment-style rooms and asked to identify their preferences.

"We wanted to find out how many of each type we need to provide and when," Krakoff said. For example, the suite model is very popular with students and very common in other institutions. BGSU has these only in Founders. The survey also yielded some surprises, he added. BGSU students show a stronger preference for the traditional model than do students at other universities.

A major thrust of the plan will be to make the traditional living units for freshmen less dense so that space can be provided for programming and other means of building community and boosting learning. "We think this will vastly improve the freshman experience," he said.

Ultimately, by the end of the second phase of the plan, the campus should feel much more like a series of neighborhoods, with dining centers no more than a five-minute walk from key student areas, housing for upperclassmen and graduate students and landscaping defining the campus boundaries.

Huron Playhouse opens season with 'A Grand Night for Singing'

The Huron Playhouse celebrates the rich heritage of American musical theatre as the playhouse opens its 61st season with "A Grand Night for Singing." The genius of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein shines in the award-winning musical revue.

"A Grand Night for Singing" will run Tuesday (June 30) through Saturday (July 4). The original Broadway production of the revue (featuring Sandusky native and Huron Playhouse alumna Lynne Wintersteller) was hailed as an innovative and "terrifically up-to-date" tribute to the remarkable songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein. Musical numbers include selections from "Oklahoma," "Carousel," "The Sound of Music" and "The King and I."

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Curtain time for all the season's productions is 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays at the McCormick Middle School at 325 Ohio St. in Huron.

"Over the River and through the Woods," by Joe DiPietro, will be staged July 7-11. The poignant comedy follows the action as two sets of doting, Italian-American grandparents conspire to keep their beloved grandson in New Jersey and not following his dream job to California.

Next up will be "The 1940s Radio Hour," from July 14-18. The Broadway hit, by Walton Jones, takes audiences back to 1942, when families around the country tuned in for entertainment and a respite from the world at war. Singing, dancing and vintage commercials bring the bygone era to life.

The fourth production of the season is Thornton Wilder's classic "Our Town," produced in recognition of Huron's bicentennial. Beautiful in its simplicity, the play is a tender look at a small town and its inhabitants. The playhouse production will feature an adult choir and a children's choir of area residents. "Our Town" will be staged July 21-25.

The season will conclude with "The Secret Garden," by Marsha Norman, from the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett. As a lonely orphan and her invalid cousin restore a secret, shuttered garden, their spirits become revived as well in this English tale playing July 28-Aug. 1.

Ticket prices for all Huron Playhouse productions are \$13 for students and senior citizens, \$15 for other adults and \$10 for children under 12. Season passes are \$60. For reservations and further information, call 419-433-4744. The box office at McCormick School is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

IN BRIEF**BG@100 July open forum looks at student billing**

The BG@100 open forum scheduled for Thursday (July 2) features "A Look at Student Billing." The forum will take place from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in 314 Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

The forum will cover the topics of billing statements (when eBill statements are produced and when they are due); Statement Summary (prior charges, current charges, current credits and anticipated financial aid); Loan Origination (FAFSA, loans, dependent fee waivers), and tuition calculation (what a student owes, interface to CASHNet, view access to student accounts).

Project team members will also answer questions regarding BG@100 and the Campus Solutions System (CSS) implementation. Further information about the project to implement CSS as the system of record for student administration at BGSU is available at: www.bgsu.edu/bgat100.

Academic Affairs announces area name changes

Two academic areas have adopted new names for some of their units, the provost's office has announced.

In the College of Health and Human Services, the Department of Communication Disorders will now be known as the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. This new name better aligns the department with its national academic body and better reflects the coursework and faculty scholarship. The name change will become effective in the 2010-11 course catalog, although the department code used in the registrar's office will not change.

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In the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Communication Studies will become the School of Media and Communication.

Within the school, the Department of Journalism becomes the Department of Journalism and Public Relations, and the Department of Interpersonal Communication becomes the Department of Communication. The 2010 course catalog will reflect the prefix change from IPC to COMM in the undergraduate catalog.

CALENDAR

Monday, June 29

Second Six-Week Summer Session Begins.

Instructional Design Discussion, "Developing the 'Promising Syllabus,'" 10-11 a.m., 201 University Hall. Register at www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page10718.html.

Sundaes on Mondays, free ice cream, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Falcon's Nest, Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

Tuesday, June 30

Instructional Design Workshop, "Introduction to Clickers for Classroom Assessment," 10-11 a.m., 201 University Hall. Register at www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page10718.html.

Wednesday, July 1

BG@100 Strategic Needs Meeting, 8:30-9:30 a.m., 310 Hayes Hall.

Instructional Design Workshop, "Learning 2.0 with Web 2.0 Tools," 10:30 a.m.-noon, 201 University Hall. Register at www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page10718.html.

Thursday, July 2

BG's Got Talent, amateur talent contest open to all faculty, staff and students; prizes awarded, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Union Oval and Falcon's Nest, Union. To sign up to perform, visit <https://orgsync.com/forms/show/14827>.

Friday, July 3

Independence Day (observed), Classes canceled, offices closed.

Sunday, July 5

President's Leadership Academy Summer Opening Program, 6-9 p.m., 101 Olscamp Hall.

Monday, July 6

Sundaes on Mondays, free ice cream, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Falcon's Nest, Union.

Tuesday, July 7

Instructional Design Workshop, "Advanced Uses of Clickers in Higher Education," 10-11 a.m., 201 University Hall. Register at www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page10718.html.

Wednesday, July 8

Lockout/Tagout Training Session, 9-10 a.m., 2 College Park Building. To register, call 2-2171 or visit www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page22440.html. Hosted by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety.

Thursday, July 9

Bingo, noon-1 p.m., Falcon's Nest, Union. **Instructional Design Workshop**, "Extending the Classroom Experience with Podcasting," 2-3 p.m., 201 University Hall. Register at www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page10718.html.

Child Free by Choice Support Group, 6-7 p.m., Women's Center, 108 Hanna Hall. Final meeting.

Saturday, July 11

Contra-Mestre Capoeira Workshop, with William "Carvão" Brown, Capoeira Mandinga, Ann Arbor, Mich., 6-9 p.m., 221 Eppler North. Cost is \$5 per person. Contact mandingabg@gmail.com for more information.

Monday, July 13

Sundaes on Mondays, free ice cream, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Falcon's Nest, Union.

Continuing Events

June 30-July 4

Summer Theater, "A Grand Night for Singing," 8 p.m. nightly, Huron Playhouse, McCormick School, Ohio Street, Huron. Tickets are \$13 for students and senior citizens, \$15 for other adults, \$10 for children under 12, and \$12 for groups of 15 or more. Season passes are \$60. For reservations, call 419-433-4744.

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Beginning July 13

Free Excel Training, first of four sessions, 9-11:30 a.m. To register or for more information, visit <http://ctc.bgsu.edu/training> or call 2-8181.

Through July 20

Art Exhibit, "Life in Christ," Union Art Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sundays.

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Global Village. Director. Call Connie Allison, 2-2018. Deadline: July 10.

Marketing. Assistant/Associate Professor. Call Gregory Rich, 2-2041. Review of applications will begin July 22.

Labor Postings

<http://international.bgsu.edu/index.php?x=facinfohires>

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding *classified and administrative positions*. Position vacancy announcements may be viewed by visiting the HR Web site at www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/.

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet. This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

CLASSIFIED**On-campus classified:**

www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html

Off-campus classified:

www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/cl_staff/page11145.html

ADMINISTRATIVE

www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/page11137.html

OBITUARY

Richard Stoner, 77, died June 21 in Bowling Green. He retired in 1987 as director of Operational Planning and Support Services at the University.